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1. The explosives factory at Velvety, known as Vojensky Objekt Velvety (Military Installation, Velvety), was built during World War II and was out of operation from the end of the war until 1949. Production started again in 1949, but until spring 1953 the factory worked on a limited scale only. Then a large labor recruitment drive began, offering very attractive conditions to prospective employees.
2. The factory buildings are located northwest of Velvety. A former sugar factory east of the railroad junction also belongs to the factory. The northern boundary of the factory area is formed by the junction of the Teplice-Usti nad Labem-Lovosice and the Teplice-Usti nad Labem-Bilina railroad lines. The Teplice-Lovosice highway runs along the western boundary. North of the factory is the district road, which continues along the eastern side of the factory to the town of Velvety.
3. A railroad stop which serves only the explosives factory is located on the line to Lovosice, to the west of the factory. It is called U Parany.
4. The production halls of the factory are underground. On the surface are the buildings of the old sugar factory, which are used partly as administrative buildings and partly for storage. All these are of brick, painted green. There are also a number of wooden huts.
5. The main entrance to the factory is at the railroad junction. A spur track leads to the factory. The factory area extends some 800 meters along the road toward Lovosice, but the underground halls probably occupy a much larger area.
6. There are about 600 employees, and apart from the technical staff most of these employees are women. After a few months in the plant, the complexions of the women turn pale and their lips get a bluish color. The technical staff consists of Army personnel.

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7. In April 1953, a large recruitment drive for the Velvety factory was opened in Teplice and the neighboring area. High wages were promised and the drive was quite successful. Those accepted were chiefly young women, and the labor exchange first sent them for a medical examination. The most important part of the examination was a blood test, and those who had a red-blood-corpuscle count of less than five million were rejected. The recruitment drive continued through the summer of 1953.
8. On the eastern side of the plant, along the road to Lovosice, a triple pipeline has been laid. It is partly underground and uses metal pipe one-half meter in diameter. It goes underground at elevation 292 in a wooded area located south of the factory, near the village of Hradiste.
9. In the vicinity of elevation 292, in the woods, ventilation outlets of the underground halls can be observed. The woods are unguarded and the public can enter them unchallenged.



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